

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☒

Property Name: Downtown Brewing Company Inventory Number: WO-548

Address: 201 Caroline Street City: Ocean City, MD Zip Code: 21842

County: Worcester USGS Topographic Map: Ocean City

Owner: Downtown Brewing Company

Tax Parcel Number: 2474 Tax Map Number: 110 Tax Account ID Number: 10-028310

Project: MD 528 Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ no ☐ yes Name of district: N/A

Is district listed? ☐ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☐ no ☐ yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Compliance Files, SHA

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The Downtown Brewing Company, painted bright green with red window surrounds and covered with advertising signs, is a greatly modified and expanded frame structure, built in ca. 1930 during the ownership of Martha and Irving Mumford (Land Records BB15/392). The three story rectangular structure, likely originating as an end gable structure, two bays wide and four bays long, has entrances on both the east (Philadelphia Avenue) and north (Caroline Street) elevations. Most of the windows have been replaced, and there are many openings on the east side that were added to the structure to enhance its use as a bar. It was extended on the south with a one story addition, and on the east side with a two story addition.

The site has been analyzed within the context of the *Modern Era* (1930-Present) within Worcester County. The Downtown Brewing Company is located in the south part of Ocean City in a highly commercialized area of the town, not far from the water tower and some other public structures amid hotels and some residences. The greatly modified property structure lacks the level of integrity necessary for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as an historic standing structure. In addition, it has no significant association with the broad patterns of Worcester County, Maryland or National history. It lacks significant architectural distinction and therefore would not meet the National Register criterion C. In addition, it has no known significant association with important persons or events, nor would it likely have significant archeological associations because of its late construction date, thus it likely has little potential to meet the significance criterion D for listing in the National Register for its archeological potential.

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Date Prepared: March 16, 2001

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Comments: _____

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Reviewer, NR program

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